

Amendments to the Claims:

1-70. (Canceled)

71. (Currently amended) A particulate recombinant Staphylococcal enterotoxin B (rSEB) vaccine composition ~~made by a method comprising~~ discrete dried particles,  
~~atomizing a liquid rSEB formulation to produce an atomized formulation,~~  
~~freezing said atomized rSEB formulation to form solid particles, and~~  
~~drying said solid particles to produce discrete dried particles of said rSEB vaccine~~  
~~composition~~, wherein at least about 50% of the discrete dried particles have a volume diameter within about 80% of the mean.

72-75. (Canceled)

76. (Previously presented) The vaccine composition of claim 71, wherein said discrete dried particles have a volume mean diameter of between about 35  $\mu\text{M}$  and about 300  $\mu\text{M}$ .

77. (Previously presented) The vaccine composition of claim 71, wherein said discrete dried particles have a volume mean diameter of between about 50  $\mu\text{M}$  and about 100  $\mu\text{M}$ .

78. (Canceled)

79. (Previously presented) The vaccine composition of claim 71, wherein said discrete dried particles have a mean aerodynamic diameter of between about 8  $\mu\text{M}$  and about 140  $\mu\text{M}$ .

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80. (Previously presented) The vaccine composition of claim 71, wherein said discrete dried particles have a mean aerodynamic diameter of between about 20  $\mu\text{M}$  and about 70  $\mu\text{M}$ .